It remains only to be said that China did not declare war on Russia, and that President Yuan was not attracted by the idea of an inconvertible note issue. (Rumour had it that he was more intrigued by the sleight of hand of the Italian conjuror, Malini, who apparently produced silver dollars out of the air!) So that none of Dr. Sun's great constructive proposals in the first year of the Republic—the railway scheme, the invasion of Russia, or the overworking of the printing press to provide China with a new currency—materialized.